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24. 9. 1945 -
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Weck have received a letter from their son, Staff Sergeant Clarence E. Weck, and a Combat Infantryman's badge received by him for the fighting his company did in Normandy. Each man in the company received it; that is the ones who did the fighting. He said they really deserved it and every boy was proud of his medal.

The Combat Infantryman's badge can only be given to the Infantry after actual combat.

Clarence has been promoted from squad leader to platoon guide in platoon headquarters.

He is a constant reader of the Newton Press.

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Lyman Hanson, a technician fourth grade in the Field Artillery, is spending a few days visiting his brother, Vernon Hanson and friends of Newton. He recently had an ear drum perforated by the concussion caused by the explosion of a large artillery shell.

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Norman D. Urfer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Urfer of Willow Hill, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

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Lawrence E. Turnipseed, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Turnipseed of Route Five, Newton, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

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William P. Arndt, a yeoman in the Navy, is visiting his wife and son Larry and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Arndt of Newton. He has been at San Diego, California, and will return there Monday by way of Chicago.

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Corporal Raymond Shryock, who received head and leg wounds in action in Germany last fall, has been transferred to the Nichols General hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. He has been at El Paso, Texas, for some time.

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Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Gearing are visiting his mother, Mrs. Zola Gearing, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jourdan of West Reynolds street, Newton.

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Lieutenant Albert H. Clark recently made a two day visit with his mother and sister near Gila. He has just finished one class and started a new one February 5.

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Mrs. Floyd Ferguson of Olney is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Private First Class Ferguson, stating that he landed safely somewhere in France.

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